Sturminster Newton Town Council

1st October 2020

Budget Considerations for 2021 -22

1. **Introduction**
   The Town Council budget process will commence in October when the Finance and Personnel Committee considers the first draft of the budget for 2021 -22.

2. **Town Council budget 2021-22**
   The first draft of the budget will include the normal revenue items and estimates for the business plan projects summarised below that were not included in this year's budget.

Trailway entrance enhancement									3000
Town master plan									15000
Noticeboard at Butts Pond									500
Friendship/picnic benches									2000
Railway Gardens electrical works									6880
Drinking fountains									5000
Pathway at Ricketts lane rec									1500
								Total	33880

   We will also need to include estimates for amounts added to the earmarked reserve to maintain and keep safe play equipment and other assets.
   There may be other projects or priorities that councillors have identified that could be considered as part of the budget setting process.

3. **Councillor budget suggestions**
   Councillors are invited to suggest items/projects for inclusion in the 2021-22 and future budgets. It will be helpful if councillors can accompany their recommendation with an estimate of cost and a summary of the benefit that the funding will provide.

4. **Recommendation**
   That councillors take the opportunity to identify items/projects for consideration in the budget process for 2021-22.

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Town Clerk